



## The Physician's BOOKSHELF

**TEXTBOOK OF OBSTETRICS**—John C. Ullery, M.D., Chairman and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, Ohio; and Zeph J. E. Hollenbeck, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, Ohio, and thirty-one contributors. Foreword by Richard L. Meiling, M.D., Dean, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, Ohio. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1965. 752 pages, \$17.50.

"Textbook of Obstetrics" represents the efforts of the teaching staff of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State University College of Medicine to describe the proper management of the pregnant patient from conception through involution. This is accomplished by 33 different authors in 57 chapters and 729 pages, and while such multiple authorship allows authoritative omission, there is an excess of fragmentation and repetition of subject matter.

The contents are presented in a sequential pattern. The topics, however, are discussed in a superficial and casual manner with minimal efforts to support recommendations with either data or references. The text, then, is neither a standard reference source nor, because of its length, a synopsis. While it is disappointing to find in a 1965 publication so little detailed discussion of recent developments in obstetrics, for an obstetrical text, it does discuss an unusually wide range of medical topics.

Most of the illustrations appear to be original and while only three are in color, they are adequate. For those interested in learning the general philosophy and specific methods used at the Ohio State University College of Medicine, the book is of obvious value. For others, one of the synopsis or standard obstetrical texts currently available would seem to be a better buy.

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**DISEASES OF THE NEWBORN**—Second Edition—Alexander J. Schaffer, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, The Johns Hopkins Medical School, and Pediatrician to The Johns Hopkins Hospital; Formerly Pediatrician-in-Chief, at present Attending Pediatrician to The Sinal Hospital of Baltimore, Maryland; Chief of Pediatrics (Nursery Service), The Hospital for the Women of Maryland; Director, The Johns Hopkins Community Pediatric Program. With a Section on Neonatal Cardiology by Milton Markowitz, M.D., and a Section on Fluid & Electrolyte Therapy by Lawrence Finberg, M.D. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, 1965. 1023 pages, \$22.00.

This is the second edition of what probably has become the most widely used comprehensive text on the newborn. Errors in the first edition have been largely corrected, omissions such as a discussion of the tetany of the newborn have been added, and such rapidly expanding fields as chromosomal abnormalities, inborn errors of metabolism and newborn immunology have been updated. The section on cardiovascular disorders by Markowitz has been rewritten and a new one on fluid and electrolyte balance by L. Finberg has been added.

The book remains a recommended one for neonatologists, obstetricians, pediatricians and general practitioners who desire a practical text on newborn care.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF THE JOINTS**—William P. Beetham, Jr., M.D., A.A.C.P., Former Fellow in Medicine; Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, University of Minnesota; Howard F. Polley, M.D., M.S. in Medicine, F.A.C.P., Head of a Section of Medicine (Rheumatic Diseases), Mayo Clinic; Professor of Medicine, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, University of Minnesota; Charles H. Slocumb, M.D., M.S. in Pathology, Senior Consultant in a Section of Medicine (Rheumatic Diseases), Mayo Clinic; Professor of Medicine, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, University of Minnesota; and Walt F. Weaver, M.D., M.S. in Medicine, A.A.C.P., Former Fellow in Medicine, Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, University of Minnesota, Rochester, Minn. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London, 1965. 198 pages, \$7.50.

This book sets forth an excellent basic plan of attack for all beginners of joint examinations and a very useful refresher for the mature physician not only in general medicine but also in Orthopedic Surgery and Rheumatology. It is well organized, giving anatomical descriptions of all the joints followed by techniques of examination including inspection, palpation, movement and range of motion plus added excerpts for special areas such as the back. These techniques are well illustrated in both picture and verbal form. Normal findings and values are discussed as well as abnormal as they relate to various diseases and injuries, but with special emphasis on Rheumatology. There is no discussion regarding lab diagnosis or treatment of joint problems.

The authors have quoted Goethe to express the purpose of the publication—"What one knows, one sees." They have certainly done a commendable job in presenting information for this purpose.

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**FRACTURE PROBLEMS**—Problem Cases from Fracture Grand Rounds at the Massachusetts General Hospital—William Hamilton Harris, M.D., Clinical Associate in Orthopedic Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.; Assistant Orthopedic Surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.; Consultant in Orthopedic Surgery, United States Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass.; William Norman Jones, M.D., Instructor in Orthopedic Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.; Assistant Orthopedic Surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass.; and Otto E. Aufranc, M.D., Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.; Chief of Fracture Clinic and Visiting Orthopedic Surgeon, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, Mo., 1965. 371 pages, \$20.00.

Much of the material in this book will be familiar to readers of the Journal of the American Medical Association, since the book is based upon the cases published as "Fracture of the Month," in the Journal, from July 1960, to July 1964. The book consists of 48 case studies of problem fractures. All anatomical segments of the skeletal system are covered, but by no means comprehensively. The clinical interpretations and management of the cases presented is by a distinguished group of orthopaedic surgeons, conducting a renowned fracture service. A consultant group referred to as guest participants includes well